

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

Our office will be open today and Monday morning to receive dues as of Saturday, Christmas day. We take this occasion to extend the greetings of the season to each and every one of our "MUTUAL" family. We are larger this Christmas than last, and next year we expect to be yet a larger family. On January the first, New Year's day, we open our fourteenth series. Start the New Year right, join the MUTUAL and save your money during this period of prosperity. Everybody ought to be happy at this time since "good times" are looking us right in the eye.

Yours to serve,

MUTUAL BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION

For a

Merry Christmas

You must see that your children are pleased as well as yourself. You can easily please your children by coming in Zerden's Underselling Store and find hundreds of practical gifts and prices are always lower.

Wishing you all a merry Christmas.

Zerden's Underselling Store

Hickory, N. C.

YOURS FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Yoder-Clark Clo. Co.

"The Men's Store"

LARGE INCREASE IN AUTOMOBILES SHOWN

Raleigh, Dec. 24.—There was an increase of 76 per cent in the receipts of the North Carolina department of state for the biennial period ending November 30, 1915, compared with the biennial period ending November 30, 1913. The receipts for the latter period were \$170,697 compared with \$299,922 for the last biennial period. This gives an increase of \$129,224. These figures are shown in a statement made public today by Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes.

The statement shows that on November 30, 1913, there were 11,298 automobiles registered in the state and that on the corresponding date 1915 there were 20,589 automobiles, an increase of 8,291 or about 80 per cent.

There were issued during the 1913 biennial period 2,125 charters for corporations and for the biennial period of 1915 only 1,974, this showing a decrease of 151 in the number of new corporations chartered during the two years period. The secretary of state notes that there has been a gradual decrease in the number of new corporations chartered since the new federal tax law began operation. During the past two years there were 44 charters issued for banks and 11 for railroad companies.

FOR CHILDREN'S COUGH

SCIATICA'S PIERCING PAIN
To kill the nerve pains of Sciatica you can always depend on Sloan's Liniment. It penetrates to the seat of pain and brings ease as soon as it is applied. A great effort too with Sloan's is that no rubbing is required. Sloan's Liniment is invaluable for stopping muscular or nerve pain of any kind. Try it at once if you suffer with Rheumatism, Lumbago, Sore Throat, Pain in Chest, Sprains, Bruises, etc. It is excellent for Neuralgia and Headache. 25c at all druggists.

GREAT WORK STARTED

Open Air School in Iredell County Showing Good Results.

Raleigh, Dec. 24.—That an open air school has been organized in Iredell county and is successfully working is good news, says the state board of health. "What we need is more of them," says the board, "and more lady school supervisors to organize and make them accomplish their purpose."

This is Harmon, high school in Iredell and is conducted in a pavilion formerly used for camp-meeting purposes. Miss Celeste Hankel, assistant superintendent of this county, writes that great good has already been accomplished and that the plans are broadening for a much greater success. One of the plans provides that the domestic science class of the school will furnish milk and cocoa to the children who are below normal physically and otherwise in poor health.

The board says that those communities and schools that actively sold Red Cross seals this Christmas could more wisely spend the money raised from the proceeds of the sale than by converting it into an open air school for tuberculous and subnormal children. This would be fighting tuberculosis at an important and probably the most strategic point.

SHELBY BANK BUYS ISSUE OF TOWNSHIP ROAD BONDS
Shelby, Dec. 24.—The \$30,000 issue of bonds for good roads in No. 1 township has been sold to the First National Bank of this place and work will commence in the grading and surfacing of roads as soon as the winter weather breaks.

Lee W. Lynch of Rutherford county is now surveying the roads and S. Summey, who has had considerable experience in road building in Cleveland, Anson and Lincoln counties, has been engaged to supervise their construction. The commissioners are W. C. Carratt, George B. Patterson and J. C. Bridges.

Get 10 cents that "persona non grata" didn't come anywhere near expressing what Bob Lansing thought of Boy-Ed and von Papen.—South Bend (Ind.) News-Times.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BROOKFORD MILLS, INC., BANKRUPT—In Bankruptcy.

NOTICE OF SALE.

Pursuant to an order of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina, said order being entered in the matter of the Brookford Mills, Inc., bankrupt, and the said order having been made and entered on the 3rd day of December, 1915, the undersigned trustee, will on the 3rd day of January, 1916, at Twelve O'clock, M., in front of the store building of the Brookford Mills Store, in Brookford, N. C., sell for cash to the last and highest bidder all the real and personal property belonging to the estate of the above named bankrupt, together with any and all other property belonging to the estate of the said bankrupt—that is to say any and all of the assets of the bankrupt except the property with the further exception of the said bankrupt's (save and except the accounts and indebtedness due the bankrupt and except the cash on hand).

The property to be sold consists of the Cotton Mill, now in full operation in Brookford, N. C., there being in the mill five hundred and one looms, part common and part automatic looms, and sixteen thousand and seven hundred and sixty eight spindles, with all necessary preparatory equipment—altogether with the further exception of the said bankrupt's (save and except the accounts and indebtedness due the bankrupt and except the cash on hand).

One two-story and basement Factory Building of standard brick construction. One four-story and basement factory building with engine room and boiler house adjoining, of standard brick construction. One wheel house of brick construction.

Warehouses No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 of standard construction, brick and wood. Warehouse No. 5 of frame construction. Waste house of frame construction. Barn of frame construction. One two-story brick store building. One frame store building. One brick tenement house. 119 frame tenement houses.

All of the above, together with about 71 acres of land located in the town of Brookford, N. C., two miles from Hickory, N. C. Also within the town of Brookford and extending a mile or more east and below the factory site on the Henry's Fork River, certain water rights and privileges including concrete dam, waste gates, etc. Also various lands along both banks of the Henry's Fork River known as the Bollinger tract, Campbell tract, J. E. Whitener tract and others, aggregating about 30 acres.

One tract of land comprising about 150 acres and known as the Mosteller tract located about 6 miles Southwest of Hickory, N. C. One tract of land comprising about 167 acres and known as the W. L. Abernethy farm with two frame dwellings thereon, and located about two miles Southwest of Hickory, N. C.

One building lot in the city of Hickory, N. C. One tract of land on the Southern Railway and adjoining the lands of Hotel Huffery.

One tract of land known as the Peterson tract situated about one-half mile East of Brookford on the Henry's Fork River, comprising about 11 acres.

Also one stock of goods now in the store building of the Brookford Mills store, at Brookford, N. C., also all cotton on hand at the time of sale, together with all cotton in process of manufacture, and all manufactured goods on hand at time of sale, supplies, fuel, feed, waste, office fixtures, one horse and four mules, four wagons, one buggy and various farming implements.

The purpose of this sale is to sell the estate belonging to the bankrupt in its entirety.

The trustee will sell for a lump sum all of the assets of the bankrupt, whether particularly described above or not, excepting only the cash on hand, the accounts and indebtedness due the bankrupt.

Terms of sale will be for cash and before any person or persons will be allowed to bid, there must first be deposited with the trustee a certified check issued by some national bank for the sum of five thousand dollars as a guarantee for the faithful performance of the bid on the part of the bidder.

The court has fixed the upset price at three hundred and two thousand and two hundred and ninety six dollars and no bid for a less sum will be received.

The sale will be made subject to the confirmation of the court upon the report of the trustee which shall be filed with the court.

Further information will be given upon application to the trustee.

H. J. HOLBROOK,
Trustee of the Brookford Mills, Incorporated, Bankrupt.
A. A. Whitener,
(12-4-4-Sats.)
Attorney for the Trustee.

T. P. A. TO HAVE BANQUET
The following invitations have been mailed out:

You are invited to attend the annual meeting of Post K. Travelers' Protective Association, which will be held at Hotel Huffery Tuesday night, Dec. 28th, at 7:30.

Banquet, Music by String Band and Quartette.
J. F. DELLINGER, Pres.
F. J. JOHNSTON, Secy.

RED WAGON LOAD OF HAPPINESS
Among the many Christmas cards received by the Record force was one from Mr. Edwin P. Norwood, with Ringling Brothers, at Baraboo, Wisconsin. "A merry Christmas and a Red Wagon load of Happiness for the coming year are the wishes of Edwin P. Norwood."

PERSONALS

Mr. Lloyd Marshall of Johnson City, Tenn., is in the city visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Marshall.

Messrs. John Geitner of McCall, S. C., George H. Abernethy of Liberty, S. C., Dick Thomasson of Charlotte and John Bohannon of Georgia Tech arrived in the city this morning to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. George Hoke left last night for New York city to spend the holidays.

Mr. W. W. Williams came up last night from Gastonia to spend a few days.

Messrs. Henry and Oliver Litahe of Lenoir, but formerly of Hickory, are spending a few days with Mr. Gordon Council.

Miss Kate Miller is expected home today from Gastonia, where she has been teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Jones of Newton were guests last night with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Miller and returned home today.

Mr. Henry Reichel was operated on for appendicitis Wednesday at the Richard Baker Hospital and is reported as getting along nicely.

Messrs. M. M. Williams, Carl Warlick and Hal Hoover of Newton were in Hickory yesterday. Mr. Williams is a junior at the university.

Mr. Chas. J. Costner, Linotype operator on the Record left today for Gastonia to spend Christmas with his folks.

Misses Lucile and Catherine Coon of Gastonia is spending the holidays with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Miller.

GOOD FARMING

Mr. R. B. Moore, of Morganton, spent Saturday and Sunday in Lenoir. Mr. Moore was for several years farm manager for Burke county, but for the past year has had charge of the farm for the state hospital at Morganton, and is making good, as this paragraph from the Statesville Landmark's report of the recent directors' meeting will indicate:

"The increased supply of food and feedstuffs from the farm the past year has been very gratifying and the supply of pork will be larger than usual. Fifty-two hogs have been killed and about 200 are yet to kill. The dairy herd has been much depleted in recent years on account of tuberculosis. It was decided to build a new and modern sanitary cow barn and two silos. Some additions will also be made to the herd of cattle. "By strict economy the hospital lived within the appropriation of \$200,000 for support. The cost for the past year was \$162,23, a reduction from \$168.12 last year."—Lenoir Topic.

Revenue Officers Capture Two Stills

Lenoir News.
Revenue officers Dance and Taylor of Wilkesboro made a successful raid last Friday in Caldwell county in what is known as the Mulberry and Chestnut mountain sections and captured two stills. A report from that section says that two large copper stills and several thousand gallons of beer were found and destroyed. No arrests have been made.

The City Bakery will be open tomorrow, Christmas day until 10 a. m.

Mrs. M. E. Whitener and children are spending the holidays in Hickory.—Lenoir Topic.

It does a man good to get out and rub up against the world, provided he doesn't rub it the wrong way.

The Bachelor—"Oh, love is blind." The Married Man—"Only before marriage, my boy; not afterward."

"Ah!" sighed the elderly visitor, "would I were a little girl again, like you."

"Well," replied four-year old Mazie. "Let's play that you are my little girl and you pretend to be naughty, and I'll spank you and send you to bed without any supper."—Chicago News.

Bernhardt Not Ill.
London, Dec. 22.—The report that Sarah Bernhardt is dangerously ill is characterized in a Havas dispatch from Paris this evening as unfounded.

Bg Business
Willie was small, as he is described in the Philadelphia Record, but he had learned that big things are achieved by dealing with matters in the mass instead of in detail.

"Now," he said to his mother, shortly before Christmas, "I've written a letter asking for what I want, and I think it covers everything."

"What good," said his mother, "what did you ask for?"

"Two top shops and a candy store."

Nine Killed in Wreck
Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Engineer Irby Read of Nashville and eight negro laborers were killed and Fireman Harmon Lear of Nashville received fatal injuries in a head-on collision between a freight and a passenger train on the N. C. & St. L. Railway yesterday. Twenty other laborers were less seriously injured. The accident occurred between Sherwood and Rockledge in a deep cut. The passenger train was loaded with

TOWN OF CATAWBA WILL HAVE LIGHTS

Newton, Dec. 24.—Mrs. George Smyre, a young married woman who suffered frightful body burns Thanksgiving day while in the throes of an attack to which she is subject, falling in an open fireplace was carried to Statesville to be treated in a hospital.

Harvey Taylor, formerly widely known in the counties of this section as "Doctor" Taylor, veterinary and dealer in livestock, is reported as in a dying condition in the county home. Some time since he was paralyzed and being unable to maintain himself was sent to the home to live. He is remembered by hundreds as a man of magnificent physique and dashing character, and his condition is all the more pitiable because of his one-time upstanding independence.

Lee Cline of this place today picked a handful of large half-ripe strawberries from a patch he has here in town and they have been greatly admired as a most unusual product during Christmas holidays.

Tuesday Miss Mary Coulter, 24-year-old daughter of G. F. Coulter of the county, died of tuberculosis and was buried at Startown cemetery.

The Lookout dam of the Southern Power Company on the Catawba River now holds the stream in complete subjection and an immense lake has been formed that reaches 10 miles upstream, submerging all the lowlands purchased by the company. Heavy rains and melting snow made filling the lake a matter of a single night. Two generators are running and a third soon will be.

A development following the completion of the local power system connecting Lookout with the rest of the S. P. C. circuit will be the installation of an electric lighting system in the town of Catawba. Maiden, which voted \$3,500 of bonds for lights, is carrying on the work of putting up the equipment and some time in January the "juice" will be turned on.

Fox hunters have been very active during the week and three big chases are reported. Monday morning at daybreak I. Alex Yount and J. L. Travis of this section, with thoroughbred hounds: T. D. M. Wilkinson and John Howard of Mountain Creek, also with thoroughbreds, and others, pulled off a race around Anderson mountain in the southeastern section of the county that was unique for the fact that the hunters only had to move about on top of the mountain and watch and hear the dogs and their music as they circled around the elevation, missing no part of the fun.

It is declared the greatest chase in 30 years. The fox, a red one, made good his escape, but a gray one was caught Tuesday night by John Setzer and local sportsmen and last night the Spencers of Conover led a chase that brought farmers from their beds to listen.

The Catawba County Farmers' Union has re-elected H. L. Arndt president; C. E. Smyre vice president; and E. L. Moore secretary and treasurer. January 1 the farmers will observe as rally day, here and throughout the state, electing officers in the local unions for the ensuing year and taking a fresh grip on the purposes of organization.

HORSE MEAT FOR FOOD IS PERMITTED IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 22.—The sale of horse meat for food will be permitted here after January 1, the board of health announced. Health Commissioner Emerson said that while the health department would not exactly recommend it, there is no harm in eating horse flesh, as the horse never has tuberculosis or communicates malignant diseases to humans.

Wasn't Playing
"Willie, didn't I tell you not to play with the Wiggins boy?"
"I ain't playin' wit' him. I'm fightin' wit' him."—Michigan Gargoyle.

Some people are satisfied to take things as they come because they are afraid to take chances.

SEVERE PUNISHMENT

Of Mrs. Chappell, of Five Years' Standing, Relieved by Cardui.

Mt. Airy, N. C.—Mrs. Sarah M. Chappell of this town, says: "I suffered for five years with womanly troubles, also stomach troubles, and my punishment was more than any one could tell."

I tried most every kind of medicine, but none did me any good. I read one day about Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I decided to try it. I had not taken but about six bottles until I was almost cured. It did me more good than all the other medicines I had tried, put together.

My friends began asking me why I looked so well, and I told them about Cardui. Several are now taking it.

Do you, lady reader, suffer from any of the ailments due to womanly troubles, such as headache, backache, sideache, sleeplessness, and that everlastingly tired feeling?

If so, let us urge you to give Cardui a trial. We feel confident it will help you just as it has a million other women in the past half century.

Begin taking Cardui to-day. You won't regret it. All druggists.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," in plain wrapper. N. C. 124

THOSE THAT HAVE-GET BY AT WEST

BOYS MY PROGRAMME IS FILLED UP BUT IF THEY HAVE ANY EXTRAS THEY'RE YOURS



Auction Sale

Of valuable residence in front of First National Bank, Monday, January 3, 1916, 2:30 p. m.

One 6-room house with electric lights and city water. Size of lot 87 x 412 1/2 feet. Located at No. 1015 Seventh avenue, and known as the Lafayette Shell property.

TERMS—Cash, with the privilege of transferring 11 shares of B. & L. stock in series "A" with \$1100 borrowed from First Building & Loan Association.

C. E. KALE,
Catawba, N. C.

Wonderful Music

Philadelphia Telegraph.
In the lobby of a hotel the other afternoon reference was made to the charm of music, when this little narrative was recalled by Congressman James S. Davenport of Oregon.

Some time ago two little boys, who were playing on a lot, stopped an Indian massacre long enough to boast about the prowess of their respective fathers.

"My father plays the cornet," proudly declared one of the youngsters, and he is the best "player in the whole town."

"He is, is he," defiantly rejoined the other. "Well, when my father plays every man stops work."

"What does he play?" answered the second. "Why, he plays the 6 o'clock whistle at the foundry."

You cannot use anything better for your child's cough and cold than Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar mixed with healing and soothing balsams. It does not contain anything harmful and is slightly laxative, just enough to expel the poisons from the system. Dr. King's New Discovery is antiseptic, kills the cold germs — raises the phlegm — loosens the cough and soothes the irritation. Don't put off treatment. Coughs and Colds often lead to serious lung troubles. It is also good for adults and the aged. Get a bottle today. All druggists.

L. L. MOSS, the Contractor and Builder

If you have a house to build let the right man figure it. I can build a house for you on a short notice at any time. An experienced man I think for I have built more houses than any other man in Hickory. So, let me have your plans and figures.

L. L. MOSS

Only A Few More Hours

in which to buy that Victrola Xmas. We will be open until 11 o'clock tonight. Be sure to hear the music tonight.

Victrola Agency
at Shuford Hardware Company